Proposals of potable water schemes from Uttaranchal

†3115. SHRI HARISH RAWAT: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry have received some proposals regarding potable water schemes from Uttaranchal for granting sanction/approval;

(b) whether Gangolihat and Manila Village group potable water schemes are also included in these proposals; and

(c) if so, when these proposals were received and the reasons for delay in approving them?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI A. NARENDRA): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Proposals for Gangolihat and Manila Village group potable water schemes were received in the Ministry of Rural Development, Department of Drinking Water Supply on 24th March, 2005 and 2nd May, 2005 respectively. Rural drinking water supply is a State subject. Government of India supports the efforts of the States by extending financial and technical assistance under a Centrally sponsored programme, namely the Accelerated Rural Water Supply Programme (ARWSP). The funds under ARWSP are released as per a laid down criterion, which takes into account rural population, geo-hydrological conditions, proportionate coverage of habitations with the stipulated level of drinking water supply and water quality situation in the State. The State Governments are empowered to plan, sanction, implement and maintain rural water supply schemes from the funds provided under ARWSP, and such proposals do not require clearance from the Central level. Therefore, the proposals received from Government of Uttaranchal were returned to the State Government for appropriate action.

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†3116. SHRI NAND KISHORE YADAV: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of people living below the poverty line in Uttar Pradesh at present alongwith the number of such people in the whole country;

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